

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 27 May 2024

### One-month Extension In Service of General Manoj Pande

- The Appointments Committee of Cabinet, on May 26, 2024, approved the extension in service of COAS General Manoj C Pande for a period of one month, beyond his normal age of superannuation (May 31, 2024), i.e. up to June 30, 2024, under Rule 16 A (4) of the Army Rules 1954.
- He was appointed as the COAS on April 30, 2022. He was commissioned in December 1982 in the Corps of Engineers (The Bombay Sappers). He held the appointment of Vice Chief of the Army Staff before taking over as the COAS.
- The date is significant as well because it is the day the two senior-most generals believed to be in the running for the top post also retire. Army vice chief Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi, thus far widely seen as the frontrunner for the top job, is currently the senior-most officer in service after Pande followed by Southern Army commander Lieutenant General AK Singh.
- Both Dwivedi and Singh will retire on June 30. They were commissioned into the army in December 1984.
- To be sure, a top officer can be appointed service chief even if he is retiring on the same day as the outgoing chief.
- The move comes at a time when it was widely expected that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government would name the country's next army chief before Pande's retirement.



## Hamas Rocket Attack From Gaza Sets Off Air Raid Sirens in Tel Aviv

- Hamas fired a barrage of rockets from Gaza that set off air raid sirens as far away as Tel Aviv for the first time in months on Sunday in a show of resilience more than seven months into Israel's massive air, sea and ground offensive.
- There were no immediate reports of casualties in what appeared to be the first long-range rocket attack from Gaza since January.
- Hamas' military wing claimed the attack. Palestinian militants have sporadically fired rockets and mortar rounds at communities along the Gaza border, and the military arm of the Palestinian **Islamic Jihad group** later Sunday said it fired rockets at nearby communities.
- Palestinian health workers said Israeli airstrikes have killed at least 35 people and hit tents for displaced people in the southern Gaza city of Rafah, and "numerous" others were trapped in flaming debris. Gaza's Health Ministry said women and children made up most of the dead and dozens of wounded.
- The attacks came on Sunday, two days after the International Court of Justice ordered Israel to end its military offensive in Rafah, where more than half of Gaza's population had sought shelter before Israel's incursion earlier this month. Tens of thousands of people remain in the area while many others have fled.



## IAF Chief Reviews Naval Academy Passing Out Parade

- Indian Air Force chief Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari on Saturday reviewed the Passing Out Parade at Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, where 216 trainees, including 34 women cadets got commissioned into the Indian Navy.
- 10 foreign cadets from 5 countries - **Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Maldives and Seychelles** (all Indian Ocean countries) also passed out from the Indian Naval Academy.
- "216 trainees including 34 women trainees and 10 from friendly foreign countries passed out with flying colours, marking the culmination of their ab initio training," as per the official release said.
- The Passing out Parade (POP) of 106 Indian Naval Academy Course, 36 and 37 Naval Orientation Courses (Extended), 38 Naval Orientation Course (Regular) and 39 Naval Orientation Course (Coast Guard and Foreign) was held at Indian Naval Academy (INA).



## Indian Navy Initiates Preparatory Actions In Wake of Cyclone 'Remal'

- The Indian Navy has initiated preparatory actions, following existing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), to mount a credible Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) response in the aftermath of Cyclone Remal.
- Coast on the intervening night of May 26 and 27. The situation is being closely monitored at Naval Headquarters, with comprehensive preparatory actions being undertaken by the Headquarters of Eastern Naval Command.
- **Cyclone Remal was named by Oman** following the standard convention for naming tropical cyclones in the region. In Arabic, **Remal means sand**.



## Google To Manufacture Drones In Tamil Nadu

- If all things go as per Google's plan, the tech giant will export the drones it makes in India to countries like the US and Australia. Alphabet's subsidiary, Wing LLC, which specialises in drone delivery services, will be spearheading the manufacturing operations in Tamil Nadu.
- Google, through its parent company Alphabet, is considering setting up its drone manufacturing operations in Tamil Nadu, India, as part of its expansion plans into the Indian market.
- The tech giant is reportedly in discussions with the Tamil Nadu government to establish production facilities for drones. If things go as per Google's plan, the tech giant will export the drones it makes in India to countries like the US and Australia.
- This underscores Google's commitment to local manufacturing and tapping into India's growing consumer market.
- Wing has already established itself as a key player in the drone delivery space, offering its services to businesses across the US, Europe, and Australia.
- With the setting up of drone assembly lines in Tamil Nadu, Wing aims to solidify its global operations and cater to the increasing demand for autonomous delivery solutions in India.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which subsidiary of Alphabet is spearheading the drone manufacturing operations in Tamil Nadu for export to countries like the US and Australia?

- A. Google X
- B. Wing LLC
- C. Waymo
- D. DeepMind

**ANSWER: B**

2. Army Airborne Training School Is Located At

- A. Agra
- B. Mumbai
- C. Pune
- D. Nagpur

**ANSWER: A**

3. Ex EASTERN BRIDGE Conducted B/W India &

- A. UK
- B. Oman
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. USA

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Current Raksha Rajya Mantri Is**

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Ajay Bhatt
- C. Smirti Irani
- D. Anurag Thakur

**ANSWER: B**

**5. What was the objective of the DRDO's Mission Divyastra?**

- A. To test the Agni-5 missile's accuracy
- B. To demonstrate the Multiple Independently Targetable Re-Entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology
- C. To launch a new tugboat in Bharuch, Gujarat
- D. To conduct a live fire exercise in Pokhran, Rajasthan

**ANSWER: B**

**6. INS Chennai Is A**

- A. Missile Destroyer
- B. Submarine
- C. Landing Ship Tank
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**7. INS Karmuk Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. Missile Corvette
- C. Submarine
- D. Tank

**ANSWER: B**

**8. R&AW Stands For**

- A. Research and Analytical Wing
- B. Raw and Analysis Wing
- C. Research and Analysis Wing
- D. Research and Analysis Wet

**ANSWER: C**

**9. "Sarvatra" (Everywhere) Is The Motto Of**

- A. JKRIF
- B. RR
- C. CORPS OF ENGINEERS
- D. Madras Regiment

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Joint Exercises B/w The India And UK Is Called:**

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Konkan Shakti

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Where Is The Hq Of The Southwestern Command of The Indian Army?**

- A. Jaipur
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Moroni Is The Capital Of**

- A. Comoros
- B. Costa Rica
- C. Cuba
- D. Dominica

**ANSWER: A**

**13. "An Introduction to Dreamland" Book Is Written By**

- A. Bhagat Singh
- B. Leo Tolstoy
- C. Jules Verne
- D. Gunnar Myrdal

**ANSWER: A**

**14. Current NSA Of India Is**

- A. S Jaishankar
- B. Ajit Doval



- C. R Hari Kumar
- D. V R Chaudhari

**ANSWER: B**

**15. Ex 'AUSINDEX' conducted b/w India &**

- A. Angola
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Australia

**ANSWER: D**

**16. Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (India) Is**

- A. Satish Namdeo Ghormade
- B. R Hari Kumar
- C. Karambir Lamba
- D. Sunil Singh

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Joint Exercises B/w The India And USA Is Called:**

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Tiger Triumph

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Where Is The Hq Of The Eastern Command of The IAF?**

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Shillong
- D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: C**

**19. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Russia Is Called:**

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Tiger Triumph

**ANSWER: C**

**20. Cyclone Remal Name Given By:**

- A. Angola
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Australia

**ANSWER: B**

